



## PUBLIC MEETING

# GATEWAY BOULEVARD FINAL DESIGN

April 13, 2010

5:00-7:00 P.M.

Nashville Convention Center

601 Commerce Street

Nashville, TN 37203



# **WELCOME!**

Thank you for attending this Public Meeting for the Gateway Boulevard Final Design.

The purpose of tonight's meeting is for Metro Public Works to present the preliminary design schemes for the proposed Gateway Boulevard (Korean Veterans Boulevard or KVB) from 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and to receive public comment on the design concepts.

At this meeting, the public will be able to view preliminary plans and to make comments and ask questions about the project's physical elements, including geometric design, typical sections, streetscape elements and sustainability aspects. Representatives from Metro Public Works and the project's design consultant team are available to address your questions and comments. Representatives from the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) are present to answer questions on property acquisitions and the tentative schedule for acquisition.

The agenda for tonight's meeting is as follows:

**5:00 to 5:15 PM** - Registration and Open House

**5:15 to 6:00 PM** - Introductions, Formal Presentation, and Question and Answer Session

**6:00 to 7:00 PM** - Open House

Included with this handout is a comment form for your use. Please take a moment to fill it out to register your comments about the project. Completed comment forms may be deposited in the box by the door. If you do not wish to complete your comment form tonight, you may send your written comments to:

**Gateway Blvd Design Comments  
Metro Public Works  
750 South Fifth Street  
Nashville, TN 37206  
Attention: Bob Weithofer**

A copy of the comment form will be available on the project website (see address below) for you to download and complete.

To be considered for inclusion in the design, written comments should be postmarked by (or e-mailed comments received by) **May 4, 2010**.

For more information on this project, you may:

- Visit the project website at **[http://www.nashville.gov/pw/Gateway\\_project/](http://www.nashville.gov/pw/Gateway_project/)**
- Call or email the Metro Project Manager, Bob Weithofer, at 615-862-8597 or [Robert.Weithofer@Nashville.gov](mailto:Robert.Weithofer@Nashville.gov)

## ***PROJECT BACKGROUND***

The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County (Metro) is planning to construct an urban boulevard in the southern portion of Downtown Nashville. The new boulevard would extend from the existing western terminus of Korean Veterans Boulevard or KVB (formerly known as Gateway Boulevard) at 4th Avenue westward to 8th Avenue, for a distance of about one-third mile.

The current project was evaluated as a part of the original Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Shelby Avenue/Demonbreun Street Corridor in the 1990s. A Record of Decision (ROD), designating the Selected Alternative for the corridor, was issued by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in 1998. The original corridor extended from I-24 on the east side of downtown, to I-40 on the west side.

Several sections of the corridor, subsequently referred to as the Gateway Boulevard Corridor, have since been constructed; these include:

- Korean War Veterans Memorial Bridge
- Korean Veterans Boulevard between 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenues S, and
- Demonbreun Street Viaduct replacement.

Metro recently completed a supplement to the approved EIS (SEIS) to address the portions of the original corridor that have not yet been constructed. During SEIS process, Metro determined, based on public input and community plans, that the roadway would terminate at 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and not extend farther westward to cross the Railroad Gulch on a new location as originally envisioned in the 1998 ROD. The SEIS considered two options for terminating the proposed boulevard at 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue: a multi-lane roundabout and a signalized intersection.

Following a public hearing in September 2009, Metro selected the urban boulevard with the

roundabout as the preferred alternative to carry forward into design.

## ***SELECTED ALTERNATIVE 2010***

The FHWA issued the Supplemental ROD on February 4, 2010, confirming that the environmental review satisfactorily identified and addressed the anticipated environmental effects of the proposed boulevard. The Supplemental ROD confirmed the Selected Alternative for construction of the new boulevard from the existing western terminus of KVB at 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The new approaches of the proposed boulevard and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Lafayette Street will converge into a new multi-lane roundabout intersection.

## ***SCHEDULE FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION***

<b>Complete Design &amp; Right-of-Way Plans</b>	<b>June 2010</b>
<b>Right-of-Way Acquisition Phase</b>	<b>July thru December 2010</b>
<b>Initiate Construction</b>	<b>Early 2011</b>
<b>Boulevard Open to Traffic</b>	<b>Fall 2012</b>

## ***RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION AND RELOCATION***

In order to minimize unavoidable effects of right-of-way acquisition and the displacements of people and businesses, TDOT will conduct the right-of-way relocation program for this project in accordance with the Federal Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Act of 1970 (P.O. 91646) and Tennessee's Uniform Relocation Assistance Act of 1972.

Once the ROW plans are approved, TDOT relocation specialists will contact individual property owners directly regarding their property that will be acquired for this project.

The website links below are intended as additional resources for citizens who have

questions about property relocation and assistance.

- [http://www.tdot.state.tn.us/Chief\\_Engineer/assistant\\_engineer\\_design/row/relocation.htm](http://www.tdot.state.tn.us/Chief_Engineer/assistant_engineer_design/row/relocation.htm)
- [http://www.tdot.state.tn.us/Chief\\_Engineer/assistant\\_engineer\\_design/row/relocation.pdf](http://www.tdot.state.tn.us/Chief_Engineer/assistant_engineer_design/row/relocation.pdf)
- <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/realestate/ua/uapubs.htm>

### ***HOW TO COMMENT ON THE PROJECT***

You are encouraged to make a formal comment in one of the following ways. Your written comments will be considered during the design process.

- 1) Submit your written comments tonight before you leave;
- 2) Email your comments by **May 4, 2010** to [Robert.Weithofer@Nashville.gov](mailto:Robert.Weithofer@Nashville.gov); or
- 3) Mail your comments (postmarked by **May 4, 2010**) to:

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### ***FOR MORE INFORMATION:***

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